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11. (C) At 1800 local time, RSO spoke to MONUC head of security who reported that he and "half a MONUC detachment" were at the Palais de Justice. The MONUC officer said that he was using the location as an operations base and was "going in (to Bemba's residence) to do an extraction." The intent he said was to go in and remove the CIAT ambassadors currently in Bemba's residence.

12. (C) RSO received a call from AirServ contractors who reported that an SN Brussels employee was stopped by "an Angolan soldier" on the road leading to N'Djili airport. The employee in question -- a Congolese citizen -- reportedly said she could tell the difference between an Angolan and a Congolese. The employee was allowed to leave and is reportedly at home.

13. (C) Reports from local staff indicate that other parts of the city remain calm and without violence. Post has not received any reports of injuries to AmCits. The Mission cascade system was activated, and all American personnel and their family members are accounted for. The Embassy remains on lockdown status.

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